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Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the February 27, 2007 Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 1 and 25 is respectfully requested.

Summary of The Office Action

Applicant's arguments filed June 7, 2006, with respect to the rejections of claims 1-20 under 102(e) and 21-25 under 103(a) to Corner et al. were persuasive and the rejections were withdrawn.

Corrections to the specification, abstract, and drawings filed June 7, 2006 have been entered and accepted.

Claims 1-2, 5-7 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,874,738 to Ishizaki et al.

Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishizaki et al.

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Present Amendment

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite a servo. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at specification page 7, paragraph [0032]. Thus, no new matter has been added. Other amendments are made to ensure proper antecedents. Applicant submits that Ishizaki fails to teach or suggest the amendment claims and thus the rejection should be withdrawn.

Independent claims 17 and 20 have been amended based on a feature of an automatically applied friction force. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at specification page 7, paragraph [0032] and/or page 10, paragraph [0043]. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the previous restriction requirement, which was traversed, and requests that the withdrawn claims be reinstated and examined. Applicant respectfully files herewith a Petition to the Director to withdraw the restriction requirement.

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Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, claims 1-13 and 17-25 patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references and should now be allowed. An early allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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